Frustration hits line on last day

Tempers flared in last week of support strike bringing about incidents at picket lines on main campus and at Welland Vale. (See stories and pictures, Pages 3 and 10.)

Faculty union exec. in shambles

Niagara College academic union executive is in a shambles following resignation of seven members over issues in the support staff strike.

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Steele resigns

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By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

"If they'd only stopped to talk. But they railroaded right through. I just couldn't come back here and work."

Frustrated and disillusioned, Kay Steele, who has worked as a secretary at Niagara for 6½ years, and has served as president of the support staff local for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, announced her resignation on Wednesday.

"I worked here because I enjoyed it. I had friends. But I know how difficult it would be for me to be friendly in my work now."

Mrs. Steele was disappointed during the strike, along with many of her fellow support staff picketers, at the lack of response shown by faculty. Niagara faculty are also members of OPSEU, but belong to a separate local. "By passing through our pickets, they made it clear they didn't respect us."

ATTITUDES CHANGE

"I didn't go into the strike blindly. I knew attitudes would change towards me. What I wasn't prepared for was the way my attitudes would change towards others."

Mrs. Steele, who worked for the Niagara South Board of Education before coming to the college, said that she likes working in the educational field. "I was even willing to work for less money. But I don't feel that way any more. Besides, I've got two kids to support."

She said she has worked as a secretary for 15 years and is still not making more than $10,000. She feels that the strike has not made the outlook any better.

"Only four out of 22 colleges voted against the final proposal

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Strike ends

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

The support staff strike that hit Ontario's 22 community colleges ended Tuesday evening, but acceptance of the final council of Regents offer was anything but unanimous at Niagara.

Province-wide, the union voted 70 per cent in favor of the new contract on Tuesday, but Niagara was one of four locals to reject the offer. The college local turned down the proposal by 67 to 42.

Jerry Salfi, support staff union steward, said yesterday that despite the fact that the majority of the members of his local had voted not to accept the contract, now that they are back at work "they're going to do their jobs."

The Council of Regents final wage offer of a six per cent increase from Jan. 1, 1979, was the same as it had offered at the outset of the strike. The union had been demanding 7.75 per cent for 1979. Both sides had agreed to a 2.78 per cent increase for the period from September to December, 1978. The Council did increase the fringe benefits offer, with improvements made to the support staff sick days and insurance plans.

NO IMPROVEMENT

Although the two-week strike itself did not improve the wages of support staff, Mr. Salfi said they "have nothing to feel badly about. They should be proud they stood up for their rights, and took it the distance. From now on, the Council of Regents will take us seriously. They know we will walk off the job."

He says they've learned from the strike: "We've gained experience. In negotiations another year, we'll know enough to give the Council a 30-day deadline. That way, if it goes to a strike, we'll be out in September, not in the ice and snow of January."

On the picket line Tuesday, the final day of the strike, Kay Steele, president of the Niagara support staff local, cited another "predicament with this particular strike. There's a third party element involved — the students. I wish we could just picket the Council of Regents directly."

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Barry Kinsman [top] remained blissfully unaware of the nine other contestants entered in the pie-eating contest during the winter carnival Monday, notching the $10 second prize with his intense concentration and meticulous pie-eating technique. Four contestants [bottom] were disqualified after a good-hearted pie-throwing fight. The use of arms was prohibited. (Photos by Righton)

For SAC $ to mount, need count

Even though it has been more than one week since most ballots were distributed, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) does not have the results of the voting on constitutional amendments.

The ballots were distributed to each class on the main campus Jan. 30, but were just given to the Mack School of Nursing and Horticulture Centre Tuesday.

The ballots hold the key to a proposed raise in honorariums for each member of the SAC executive.

Also included on the ballot were two other amendments to the council's constitution—the inclusion of the club convener on the executive and the combination of two secretarial posts into one.

The question about a raise in honorariums was put to a vote of each class after SAC tried twice to get the necessary number of students to vote on the matter at a general meeting.

FEW ATTENDED

Five per cent of the students, or about 125, have to vote on the changes and at two meetings held to discuss these amendments, no more than 50 attended.

The changes need a two-thirds majority to become part of the constitution.

The questions on the ballot asked whether the SAC executive should get an increase in honorariums to either $80, $90 or $100 per month. There was also a space for a write-in amount if students felt they should get a raise, but not to the suggested amounts.

All members of SAC, with the exception of the president, get a $40 per month honorarium. The

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All ready for festival

BULLETIN

William Andres, parliamentary secretary to Norman Cafik, ministry of state for multi-culturalism, Secretary of State, will represent the minister at the official opening of the Celebrate Canada Festival Thursday.

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

With the opening of the Celebrate Canada Festival less than a week away, area residents are anxiously looking forward to the third annual celebration.

The festival, which takes an inside look at the cultural blend that makes Canada unique, will be held at Niagara College Feb. 15 to 17.

Celebrate Canada, which is the college's premier showcase, will once again be full of fun, interesting and thought-provoking features that will ensure enjoyment for people of all ages.

The official opening of the festival with a guest speaker still to be announced, will take place Thursday, Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hamilton Room and will kick off three days of fun and enjoyment at the college.

Performing at the opening

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Celebrate

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ceremonies will be the brass quintet of the St. Catharines Symphony. They will also give an open rehearsal Friday at 7 p.m. in the Tecumseh Foyer and will have roving ensembles around the festival to entertain visitors.

Students will be able to show off their abilities during the first day as theatre arts students will put on a one-act play at noon in the counselling foyer.

Artist Ruth White will give an interesting and humorous look into drawing and painting at 7 p.m. in the Lundy Building.

Blues singer Beverly Glenn-Copeland, singer and pianist, will perform at 12:15 opening day in the Resource Centre. It will be an event no one will want to miss.

Topping off the day will be a multicultural evening that will give a look at the many different heritages that go to make up Canada.

Dramatist Norma Edwards will do a performance of the women of Margaret Laurence on Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. in the Tecumseh Foyer. Even those not familiar with Laurence's work are assured of enjoying this fine performance.

For the festival's youngest visitors, The Magic Pen, a program for children three to six to learn about birds, animals and wild flowers, will be exhibited in the Merritt Building at 11 a.m.

The wind-up of the festival, and sure to be a highlight of the entire three-day event, will be an Italian Cabaret Evening, Saturday, Feb. 17, in the Black Walnut Building.

The 80-member Italian group Allegria will perform and the entertainment will include an Italian dinner.

Steele resigns

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by the Council of Regents. Next time, they know they can push us around...I know that, and the Council sure knows it."

POSITIVE SIDE

But she claims there was a positive side to the strike. "We (support staff) may not have gained much financially, and our contract is a slap in the face, but we learned something about who our friends are, and who we are. We should have nothing but pride."

Concerning student support of the strike, Mrs. Steele said: "The pendulum has certainly moved in a different direction from the 60s and 70s. Students are not the activists that they once were. But they'd better realize that everything is interdependent."

Mrs. Steele, who has an 11-year-old son and a nine-year-old daughter, says she will get her pension back from the college, which should be equal to about three months pay. "In the meantime, I'll be sending out job applications, all over the place. Things will work out. They always do."

SAC

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president draws $125 each month.

A separate question on the ballot asked if the president should also get a raise. Suggested amounts were given; $150, $160 and $170 per month, and there was a space for a write-in amount.

Bright city lights

Entering St. Catharines on Highway 406 one is struck by a scenery of lights. The city is bright and enticing as the lights shimmer in the twilight. The trails of light emitted by the headlights from cars adds an extra dimension to the photograph taken atop a hill overlooking the city. (Photo by Ploner)

'I wish': Jackie

Comparisons of annual wage figures formed an integral part of the support staff's arguments in their two-week-long strike, and Jackie Robarts, president of Niagara College, says that at least one of them is inaccurate.

In a bulletin handed out at the picket lines at the beginning of this week, the support staff stated: "Most of the picketers on this line earn between $7,000 and 8,000 per year. The president of this college earns $60,000 per year."

Miss Robarts said yesterday that she'd "like to make $60,000 a year" but that in fact, her salary is $47,000. "And $13,000 is quite a difference."

[Sean O'Flynn, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, earns $50,000 plus expenses, for each year that he serves as union head.]

Sorry for Kay : Jackie

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, is sorry Kay Steele felt she had to quit her job. "She worked hard - and to feel you can't come back and work with your co-workers - it doesn't say much for the system," Miss Robarts said.

Ms Steele was the local support staff union leader and secretary to Dennis Malone, chairman of the English division.

"I think her feeling that she had to resign is a tragedy of the strike," Miss Robarts said. "She worked well with us. There were good channels of communication. Her concerns were reasonable, I really feel badly."

ECE back to normal

The Earlychildhood Education Centre is back to normal now that the support staff strike is over.

"The phone has been ringing off the wall, with parents checking to make sure that the centre is open," Margaret Hamilton, program co-ordinator of ECE, said.

One parent has phoned to tell Mrs. Hamilton he is withdrawing his child from the centre and there are five full-day children who have not returned.

Strike ends

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Feelings on the picket line on Tuesday were the most hostile of the entire two weeks of the strike. There were complaints of drivers being heckled and cars being thumped and scratched. "What you're seeing," said Mr. Salfi at the time, "are very frustrated people. With their new offer, the ministry is showing contempt for the support staff. People are frightened . . . some are even afraid they'll lose their homes."

Throughout the strike, the support staff workers voiced their discontent with the role played by faculty.

LOST FAITH

On the final day of the strike, Tom Bowes, vice-president of the support staff executive, said, "We've lost a hell of a lot of faith in them. Jackie (Robarts) gave them a gold-plated opportunity to walk out. They just had to phone in — they'd lose a day's pay, but there's no disciplinary action against them."

The support staff's disappointment with faculty response to the strike was such that they rejected a $500 donation made from the faculty's union bank account, saying that faculty was "merely trying to ease their consciences."

A separate strike fund had been set up by the executive of the faculty local, and was based on voluntary donations from members. Mr. Salfi said the support staff has not yet decided whether to accept this money.

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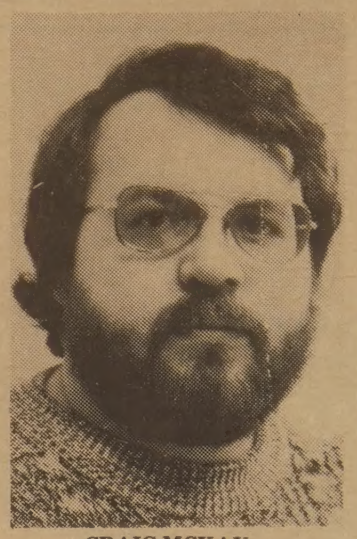
7 resign: 'Faculty puts self-interest ahead of interests of anyone else... contrary to spirit of unionism'

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

The executive committee of the faculty union at Niagara was virtually destroyed this week. At least half of its members announced their intention to desert their posts, saying the union they represent is a shambles.

Faculty who have announced or plan to announce their resignations from the executive committee are: Craig McKay, English instructor; Albert Mills, mechanical engineering instructor; Edward Fox, mathematics instructor; James Heron, co-ordinator of the business math program; John Birney, co-ordinator of the personnel management and industrial relations program; Beverly Langley, nursing teacher, and Thomas Fraser, chemistry instructor.

Mr. McKay, who has been a member of the provincial negotiating team for the academic unit and served as president of the union local for three years, explained his resignation Wednesday: "A sizeable portion of faculty puts its own self-interest ahead of the interests of anyone else. To me, that is certainly contrary to the spirit of unionism."



CRAIG MCKAY

LACK OF RESPONSE

He attacked the lack of faculty response during the two-week support staff strike.

"I think night classes should have ceased. And faculty could have spent more time, or some time, on the picket lines...if only saying hello, or being friendly. Some had a legitimate disagreement with the strike, but they should have recognized the support staff's right to strike."

Mr. McKay said self-interest alone should have generated faculty's participation. The faculty union has a demand setting meeting on Tuesday and he said he is going to "put a motion on the floor that when it's time for us to negotiate with the Council of Regents, we ask them to give us whatever they think is fair. Judging by faculty's response to the strike, I think that will go over fine with them. It will nicely avoid all confrontation."

The executive committee does not always have full representation, but a full committee consists of six members from main campus, two each from the Wellandvale and Mack Centre campuses, and one from each of the other satellite campuses.

JUST ELECTED

Duane Orr, president of the faculty local, said the new executive had just been elected at the end of last month. He said, "The executive probably feels they're representing a vacuum. I hope some of them would come back at the next meeting. Things will have cooled down by then. But it will depend on faculty reaction. Faculty will have to take a good look at what they're going to do with their union."

The return of some executive members has also been suggested by Jerry Salfi, union steward for the support staff local. "I hope they'll consider their decision. There are people in the faculty who do deserve representation by their union and these people shouldn't have to pay for the indifference of others. If faculty has the right concerns at all, they'll approach the executive for their return."

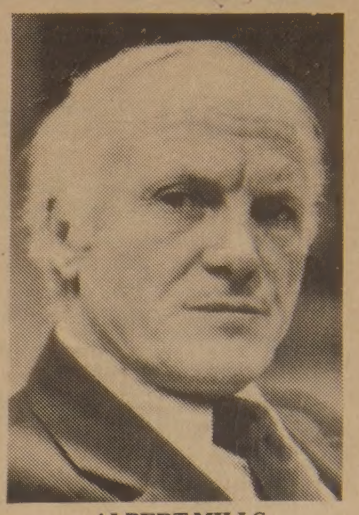
EDWARD FOX

Asked if he would reconsider his decision to withdraw from the executive, Edward Fox said: "No way. I don't need the aggravation. I've served on the executive for a term before, and it's a very time-consuming role. Besides, I don't even represent faculty. They violently disagreed with me on the support staff strike. They weren't prepared to give any support, even monetary."

Albert Mills said yesterday he would "give any intelligent proposal my consideration."

In a prepared statement, Mr. Mills commented that "the executive was 'elected' by a minority vote. At the Welland campus, I understand less than 30 people cast ballots — and of these, perhaps six voted for themselves. Did faculty vote 'with their feet' by staying away... or could it be sheer apathy?"

Mr. Mills, who had been the faculty union vice-president, feels the strike has highlighted the need for a better negotiating system. He suggested that final offer bargaining or compulsory arbitration might be more workable alternatives. "The present system is entirely inappropriate for a non-industrial environment such as a community college."



ALBERT MILLS

Tom Fraser refused to comment on his withdrawal from the executive. The other faculty members who are resigning from the committee were not available for comment.

FINAL COUNTDOWN

All Niagara's physical fitness competitors must prepare for their final report card.

All participants in the Peripatetic Pedagogues' Plod must report their total mileage to their Divisional Secretary, and all entrants in the Lose Pounds for Canada competition are to weigh in on Feb. 14. Winners are to be announced Feb. 15.

This was the scene last Tuesday when picketers at the Woodlawn Road entrance to the college stopped traffic at about 9 a.m. The owner of this Firebird, Jim Lough, first-year general college, got out of his car when a picketer, whom he later identified as communications director Jerry Salfi, repeatedly hit the butt end of a picket sign on the hood of his car. (Photo by Epp)

Jerry Salfi [middle with scarf] talks to college student Jim Lough. Lough confronted Salfi when he saw him hit the butt end of a picket sign on the hood of his Firebird. Lough later said the car had "about a $50 scratch" on it because of the incident. (Photo by Epp)

Car scratched by picketer

Student to lodge formal complaint with Jackie

BY JUDY SUGA
Staff Writer

A first-year general college student who had his red Firebird hit and given "about a $50 scratch" by a picketer Feb. 6 said he will lodge a formal complaint with college president Jacqueline Robarts and "try to get him (the picketer) to pay for it."

Jim Lough of St. Catharines said he was "just kind of edging through the line, just at a crawl" at the Woodlawn Road entrance shortly after 9 a.m. when a man he identified as the "communications director for the strike" stepped in front of his car.

"He just started banging on my car. He said something like, 'You've got no right to bump me, so I can hit your car with my sign."

Jim said the picketer "had his face partly covered, but I saw his picture in the paper (Niagara News) and I recognized him. I had a guy in the car who recognized him too."

IDENTIFIED PICTURE

When shown a picture of communications director Jerry Salfi that appeared in the Jan. 26 Niagara News, Jim said, "Yeah, that's the guy."

He said he tried to get out of the car because "I just wanted to get his name for scratching my car" but about five people stood by his door so he could only get it half-open. "I was wedged in there between the door and the car, and the guy wouldn't tell me his name."

Niagara News reporter Peter Epp said he saw a red Firebird stopped by almost two dozen picketers at about 9:10 a.m. When he asked where Jerry Salfi was, one of the picketers pointed him out as, "he's the one hitting the car with the picket sign."

Peter heard the driver yell, "who's going to pay for my paint job."

When he heard the driver say he would lodge a formal complaint with Miss Robarts, Mr. Salfi said, "Go complain to the president, that's what we want you to do," Peter said.

BURNING UP

"I was so mad, I was just burning up. I felt like hitting him (Salfi) but I didn't," Jim said, adding neither he nor Mr. Salfi threatened the other with physical violence.

He said if he ever sees Mr. Salfi again, "I'll ask him to pay for it (the damage)" and he would talk to his own insurance agent about it. "I don't want to bother resorting to court or violence."

He just had his 1970 auto repainted last year, he said.

Jim said there were no police at the main entrance when he arrived, "only one police car down the road." He said he noticed another car trying to get through the picket line, but picketers walked in front of it.

Peter said he saw Jim and about 10 other drivers finally turn around and head for other entrances. He saw no cars make it through the line at that time.

Jim said he has never had any problems coming through the main entrance before, but he will avoid it from now on.

"I'm not going to bother with the main entrance. I don't need the hassle."

EDITORIAL PAGE I

Opinions / Romance

Won't miss strike

The strike is over and a collective sigh of relief can be heaved. If I were poetically inclined, I would have had ample inspiration over the past two weeks to write a lovely piece. I think I would call it, "Ode to a Time I Will Not Miss."

As in most strikes, emotions were running high on all sides. That's understandable. But things did get a little out of hand, and I would have more than enough highly missable incidents to draw on for my poem.

I would not in the least miss the picket lines. I would not wish for the picketers to continue to stand out in the rain, snow and cold temperatures that heated tempers.

Nor would I miss the obscenities bandied about freely by both picketers and those crossing the line alike. Even less would I long for a repetition of students charging through the lines with their autos, or picketers trying to force them, whether by word or by stepping in front of cars, to miss classes for which tuition was paid.

Especially worth skipping were reported incidents of violence, Welland Vale centre being a favorite fighting ground. Cars being scratched, dented and kicked, rear-view mirrors being torn off, and picketers being punched in the face or bumped by cars would gain much attention in my ode.

The rhetoric in hand-outs urging students and instructors to support picketers, or students to support students, would not be a welcome recurrence. Terms like "a contemptuous government;" and "They're your enemies too" — of the Council of Regents, the minister of colleges and universities, and the provincial treasurer; statements made by the union like, "The public sector is under attack from every direction," and "No individual is required to place his safety in jeopardy by crossing a picket line," did nothing to help an already highly-emotional situation.

And who really enjoyed the need for police intervention or escorts through the picket lines? The police probably enjoyed it least of all.

There was a lot of animosity generated from all sides, much of which will not be brought to an end simply by a vote to end the strike. It isn't easy to forget who kicked your car or who punched you in the face. I wonder who came out of the strike happy?

Oh well, I think I won't write that ode after all. It would only remind me of everything I don't want to remember anyway.

Judy Suga

Reflections on unity

The Celebrate Canada Festival will offer something for everyone. The halls of the college will come alive with artists and craftsmen, performers and writers. There is a lot to celebrate about, especially about being a Canadian. The festival's purpose is to draw Canadians together and it may be a good time to reflect on Canadian unity.

The recently released 150-page Task Force on Canadian Unity said the unity crisis was complex, encompassing language and culture, economics and politics, institutions and attitudes.

Compiled by Jean-Luc Pepin, former Liberal cabinet minister; John Robarts, one-time premier of Ontario, and six other members, the task force lists 75 recommendations to improve inter-provincial unity.

Mr. Pepin believes the foremost challenge facing the country is to create an environment in which duality might flourish.

Whether any of the task force's recommendations are considered or not will not be known for a long time. The recent constitutional conference in Ottawa between the 11 provincial premiers is not expected to bring any immediate changes. Patriation, giving the constitution to the Canadian parliament, is high among the priorities of the conference. Canada's constitution is now a British statute.

The task force recommends an addition of 60 seats to the House of Commons, the abolition of the Senate and its replacement with a 60-member Council of the Federation. Pertaining to Quebec, the task force recommends it be given the right to self-determination, Bill 101 is a good law and Quebec may exercise powers that other provinces do not.

The task force's recommendation to give language rights to the provinces was opposed by Prime Minister Trudeau who wants to entrench linguistic rights in a new constitution. Quebec is the only province that has jurisdiction over its language rights.

Whatever comes out of the unity crisis — whatever course Quebec decides to take, whether the constitution is rewritten or a new prime minister is elected — change is inevitable.

Margaret Boyd

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Voltaire

Although it may not be the Honeymoon City in summertime, this picturesque setting overlooking Niagara Falls will no doubt attract many lovers with Valentine's Day rapidly approaching. Ah, Valentine's Day...that day when lovers around the world pledge their love to that special someone. What could possibly be better than sitting with the one you love, discussing the lives you plan to spend together on the day for all lovers, Valentine's Day. For those of you without a special someone, take heart, there is somebody waiting for you, and when you find them, the world will be yours.

(Photo by Ploner)

Modern lifestyle lacks romance, Valentine's Day commercialized

By CHERYL GARD
Staff Writer

Once upon a time Valentine's Day was a day of romance and tenderness, when fancy cards and gifts were exchanged to express affection.

Today, suggestive songs, live-in lovers and the decline of marriage promote a lifestyle that leaves little room for romance.

In the days when young women's affections had to be won, their boy friends presented them with a gift, such as a pair of gloves on Valentine's Day. Wealthy young men held a fancy-dress ball in honor of their valentine.

In the 18th century, young people gathered together on the eve of Valentine's Day and chose their valentine by drawing slips of paper from a vase. After drawing lots, young men wore the paper bearing his sweetheart's name on his sleeve for several days. Hence the saying, "He wears his heart on his sleeve."

In the days before Women's Lib, when girls were more marriage-oriented, there were a number of Valentine's Day customs concerned with finding a mate.

To learn the identity of her future husband, a girl would write her boy friends' names on scraps of paper which were then rolled in clay. The clay was dropped into water and the first paper to rise to the surface was supposed to contain the name of her true love.

A similar custom involved pinning five bay leaves to the corner of their pillows on the eve of St. Valentine's Day. If the charm worked, they would see their future husbands in their dreams.

In England young women circled the church 12 times at midnight chanting, "I sow hempseed, hempseed I sow, he that loves me best, come after me now." After which, their true valentine was supposed to appear. Today she'd probably get mugged on her way around the church.

Another popular practice followed by unmarried girls was looking through keyholes early on the morning of Feb. 14, hoping to see two objects. If she saw only one, tradition decreed that she had little chance of getting married that year. Today it might get her arrested on a peeping Tom charge.

Valentine's Day is thought to have come from the Roman feast day Lupercalia, a lovers' festival for young people which was celebrated on Feb. 15. Young men and women chose partners for the festival by drawing names from a box. The partners exchanged gifts as a sign of affection and these friendships often led to marriage.

After the spread of Christianity the date of the Lupercalia festival was changed to St. Valentine's Day, the feast day of two Christian martyrs named Valentine, to give a Christian meaning to the pagan festival.

Today Valentine's Day has gone commercial, with florists and candy stores urging us to spend big bucks to entice our sweeties to "Be My Valentine."

What ever happened to the good old days, when a tender word or a charming gesture went a long way in expressing our deepest feelings?

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Comments / Letters

Letters to the Editor

'Congrats'...

Dear Editor

Just a brief note to say "congratulations" on an excellent strike issue (Jan. 24, 1979).

Your staff had the situation very well covered, in news and pictures, and your interpretative pieces were enlightening.

In short, it was a damn fine job, and one you and your staff should feel justifiably proud of.

We found it most helpful and appreciate the thoughtfulness in delivering an advance copy to us.

Of course, I wasn't surprised at how well you did. Your regular paper is tops, too. In fact, I haven't seen a journalism school paper any better—anywhere! Keep up the good work!

Don Mullan,
Managing Editor
Niagara Falls Review.

...again

Dear Sir

I must congratulate you (Austin Jelbert), Barbara Blue and the entire staff of the Niagara News for the excellent special edition published January 24 (support staff strike special).

The strike coverage touched every base, demonstrating the benefits of good planning. It must have been valuable experience for the student reporters.

Again, my congratulations for a first-class effort.

Sincere best wishes,
D.J. Amor,
Managing Editor,
The Evening Tribune,
Welland, Ont.

...and again

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my admiration for the efficient and professional manner in which your newspaper functioned during the strike at Niagara College.

The most important of the many functions of a newspaper is that of informing the readers. Several occasions in the past have demonstrated your ability to do so, but it was never so evident as during this period of special and up-to-the-minute photographs.

To the best of my knowledge your reporters were accurate, unbiased and courteous in their coverage.

Regards
E. Craig McKay
English instructor

...yet again

Dear Editor:

May I congratulate the staff of the Niagara News for its excellent, up-to-date, fair and objective reporting on the recent support staff strike. The coverage and pictures kept both sides fully informed of development — and quickly, too.

The editions of the News during the past two weeks have been very professional. The experience gained should stand you in good stead in obtaining employment upon your graduation.

Sincerely
E.W. Morgan
English instructor

Photos tops

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the excellent coverage the Niagara News gave all aspects of the recent strike by support staff for a better contract. Your photo coverage was tops.

The News kept the strikers informed while they were on the line about what was happening in the college and let those who were "inside", including the students, know what we faced in the rain, snow and cold. We hope they can appreciate what we went through.

Yours truly
Kay Steele
President, Local 243
OPSEU

Bravo, Bruno!

Dear Editor:

It is sometimes said that a person's true character is best displayed in the face of adversity. The strike of our support staff has certainly permitted me to observe certain qualities in people which I probably took for granted, or did not view, previously.

The students who frequent the third floor student lounge in the Simcoe Building during most of the week are to be commended for the way in which they pitched in by placing their coffee cups, wrappers, lunch bags, and other garbage in the waste receptacles. Congratulations and many thanks.

However, I have observed a very strange occurrence. On Mondays, some alien force (I am unable to identify the species) carries out a sneak attack on this otherwise well-kept area. In their wake, they leave coffee and hot chocolate spilled on the floor, half-eaten sandwiches, and packages, apple cores, potato chips and other assorted delicacies scattered on seats and floors. They must be related to the strange animals observed eating in the cafeteria by one of your reporters.

There is, though, a knight in shining armor who has returned to do battle with the forces of slop. Bruno Degazio, the custodian in the Simcoe Building, has always worked diligently and, in a most pleasant manner, does a superb job of maintaining not only this area but all of the building. I am convinced, after observing the aforementioned behavior, that Bruno's greatest achievement, however, is not his ability to clean up (in fact, if we all behaved in his presence as we have in his absence, he would have very little of this to do) but in his ability to deal so effectively with this elusive alien force. Bravo, Bruno!

Bob Baddeley, chairman,
Allied Health Programs

ROVING REPORTER

Carnival 'good idea'

By CHERYL GARD
and TOM POWELL
Staff Writers

Question: What do you think of this year's Winter Carnival? Are you participating?

Cathy Seib, first year Dental Assistant, Niagara Falls: I really don't know anything about it but it sounds like a good idea. It sounds like fun.

Karen Stewart, first year Radio and Television, Niagara Falls: No, I didn't even know about it. But if I could grow a beard I would have entered.

Linda Ghiendoni, second year Human Relations, Thorold: No, I haven't. I didn't find it was well publicized. I saw posters and read about it in the Niagara News but there wasn't much talk in class. If there had been talk in class it would have helped.

Sue Stumpo, first year General Business, Port Colborne: I think it's a good idea to have it because a lot of students participate. I haven't had the time.

Greg McDonald, third year Financial Management, St. Catharines: I like the idea. I participated because it gives me a change in routine. I participated in volleyball, tug-of-war, and snow sculpture.

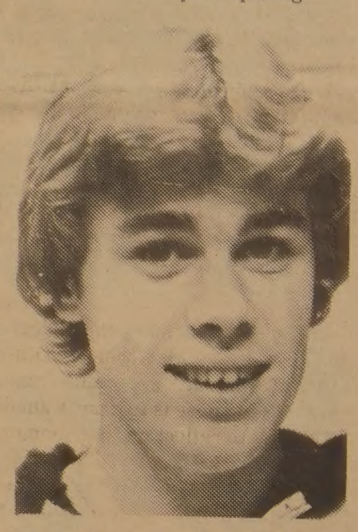
Phil Tyers, first year Business Administration, Niagara Falls: I don't even know what it is. I've seen the signs. No, I won't be participating.

Sandi Garton, first year Business Administration, St. Catharines: Yeah, I'm going to the Super Pub but that's about it.

Al Caslin, first year Electronics, St. Catharines: I always support my school. I'm going to be in the euchre tournament.

Diana Lostracco, third year Business Administration, Welland: I'm on the student's council and I've helped plan several activities. I helped arrange the volleyball and tug-of-war and also the pie eating contest, which all went very well.

Larry Kulchar, third year Construction Engineering, Thorold: I think it's a very good idea to get all students participating in events. I will be particpating.



Wayne Ingle, first year Law and Security, St. Catharines: No, I haven't participated. I thought the pie-eating contest was thoroughly stimulating but I was home in bed.

BULLPIT

Smoke gets in your eyes... permeates clothes, hair, too

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

A match flares and the red tip of a cigarette glows. There is a pleasant scent of wood burning and as the smoker inhales, the room fills up with smoke—stale, cough-inducing smoke.

This is not a diatribe against smokers but an airing of the rights of non-smokers. Those who choose to smoke do not have to explain their choice but should consider certain situations in which their smoking harms others.

Any non-smoker in a car full of smokers when all the windows are rolled up knows why smokers harm non-smokers. The non-smoker is audibly gasping for air but the others are unaware of his discomfort. They are too busy with their cigarettes.

The smoky haze of the college pubs may add atmosphere but it also stings the eyes and causes them to water. At the end of the evening the smell of cigarettes permeates clothing and hair.

The smoking habit can be discussed and debated as to its merits and drawbacks but concentrated smoking in an airtight, enclosed area has a predictable result — a lack of oxygen.

Toronto set a smoking bylaw two years ago, making it illegal to smoke in public places where indicated. Instead of imposing territorial limits under the threat of legal punishment for smokers, perhaps certain conditions and terms should be created. When in an enclosed, airtight area with non-smokers, if the smokers of the world had to ask, "Is it all right if I smoke?" everybody might breathe easier.

'Mountain of cream' formidable in contest

By RON HOLLA
Staff Writer

It all seemed so easy — before me was a mountain of whipped cream and my only task was to reduce it. But despite my manful attempts, the mountain seemed just as formidable five minutes later.

This was the scene at SAC's pie eating contest during the Winter Carnival. I had entered expecting it to be a race to see who could eat the most pies. But I was in for a rude surprise.

The first warning sign was the table itself. Standing on a raised platform at the rear of the cafeteria, the table had only garbage bags and glasses of water resting on its surface. There was no sign of stacks of pies waiting to be devoured.

A contest organizer explained why; it was not that kind of contest. The purpose was to determine who could finish first a chocolate cream pie with an inch of thick whipped cream. But that didn't seem too much out of the ordinary and so I relaxed.

It was not until the actual contest was about to begin that the treacherous plot against the contestants became clear. We were to eat the pies, but we could not use our hands. Instead of were to use our mouths only.

The thought of whipped cream in my beard did not exactly appeal to me, but there was no turning back for I had already given my name as a contestant. So I placed the garbage bag over my shirt and went to work.

NOT MUCH IMPRESSION

I completed 10 mouthfuls of the white mountain before me and proceeded to look over the scene of my labors. With some degree of shock I noted only a small dent in the pie's surface. My mouth felt full and I feared it was going to be a long and difficult battle.

A quick glance around me revealed that the majority of the contestants were making about as much progress as I was. Around their mouths the telltale evidence of a difficult fight was plain to see — half of each face was covered by whipped cream.

Without warning a change came. I glanced up from my munching to see pies being thrown about. The pie eating contest had become a pie throwing contest.

Many casualties resulted from the fracas, including the culprits who had thrown the first pie. Five of 10 contestants were eliminated with various pieces of pie still clinging to them.

I myself contributed my small part — namely wiping one pie in another contestant's face. However I did get my just desserts — half a pie in the hair and face.

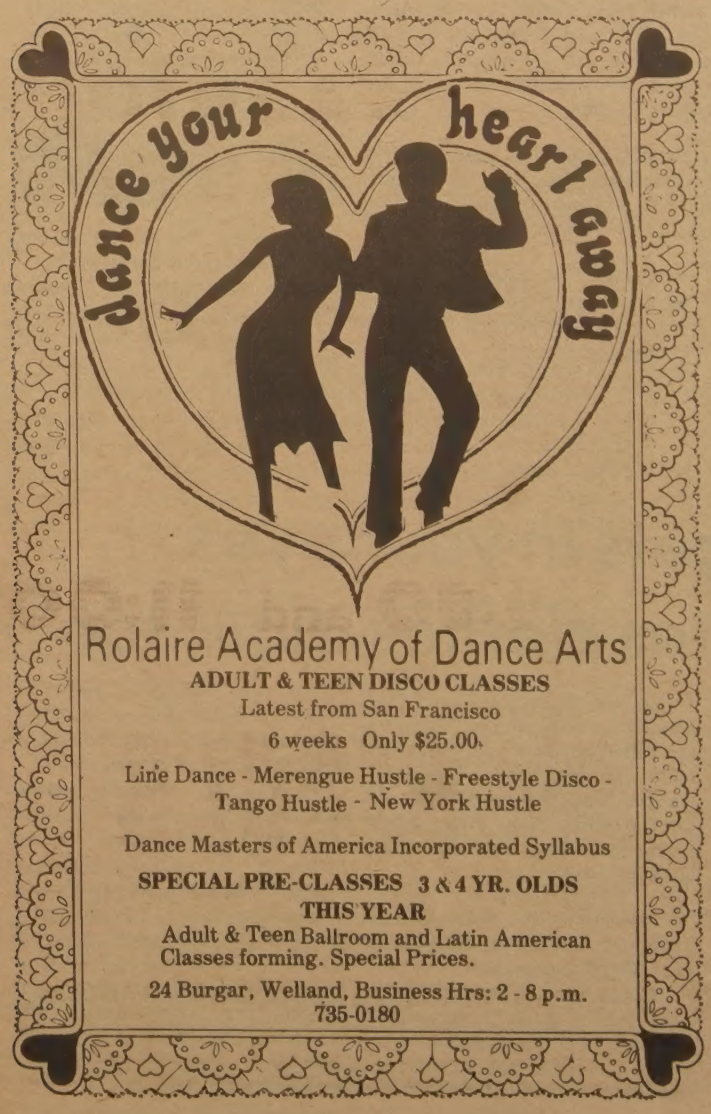
After the creamy violence had ended, I glanced over the remnants of whipped cream strewn over the stage and contestants and wondered — who would have won the original battle? I or the whipped cream?

Theatre students to tour New York, Toronto on break

Museums, theatres, art galleries and operas are a few of many highlights first and second year theatre arts students will be seeing in New York and Toronto during the winter break.

The second year students, with some faculty members, are going to New York for a four-day trip, John Rapsey, theatre program co-ordinator, said. The first year students will be in Toronto for two days with Tayie Rehem, theatre instructor.

Mr. Rapsey said the second year students will leave Monday Feb. 26 and return Thursday. Their trip will include Broadway shows, a tour of the Metropolitan Opera and the Lincoln Centre, a tour of the Museum of Modern Art and tours of other art complexes.



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ENTERTAINMENT

No this isn't downtown London, England, with the fog and mist but the sight of Niagara Falls during the winter. Taken in the early morning mist over the Falls, this picture shows a beauty not normally seen by visitors to the vacation city. Only Niagara Falls citizens and rare visitors in the off-season months can really appreciate the sight during the winter. (Photo by Righton)

Free concert by jazz band

Niagara's Jazz Band will give its first public concert Feb. 21 as preparation for the Niagara Regional Jazz Festival March 3.

The concert was originally scheduled for April after a similar concert, scheduled for Dec. 20, was cancelled due to bad weather. Admission to the concert is free; its location has not yet been announced.

"This first concert is to prepare them (the band players) for competing in the Jazz Festival," Sylvia Baago, of the Applied Arts continuing education division, said.

Nine high school jazz bands and six open bands (bands not affiliated with any high school) will compete at the Niagara Regional Jazz Festival to be held at Centennial High School in Welland. Winners from the regional festival will move on to the provincial festival in Toronto April 6-7, with the ultimate goal being the Canadian Stage Band Festival in Vancouver, May 3-5.

Competition will be tough for Niagara's band because the band which has only been together since September has had difficulty practising this term due to bad weather, Sylvia said. As well, Mohawk's Jazz Band, which had won last year's festival, will be competing again this year.

Admission to the Jazz Festival is $1 for students and $2 for adults.

Elsie Jennings, Frenchship Club member, and Marcella Therrien, French instructor, look over the cookbook compiled by the club, La Cuisine Canadienne-Francaise. (Photo by Boyd)

Taffy-pulling demo to feature at festival

The Frenchship Club's participation in the Celebrate Canada Festival will include selling cookbooks and demonstrating the traditional taffy pull of French-Canada at the Frenchship Club's booth.

The club will not be taking a trip to Quebec City during the March break as planned because of high costs, Marcella Therrien, French instructor, said. Instead, the club will take a one-day trip to Toronto and view a French play.

The cookbook, or French-Canadian cooking in the style of the best cooks (La Cuisine Canadienne-Francaise a la facon des cordons-bleu,) will be sold for $1. The cookbook, which has recipes from Mme. Therrien's personal files, will be in both French and English. Seventy-five copies have been reserved already, she said.

The taffy pull or "tire de la Ste. Catherine," as it is called in French, will take place on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. The taffy pull originated in Canada in 1500 by Ste. Catherine, a French nun, who made the taffy to lure Indian children to attend school. Mme. Therrien said. The feast day of Ste. Catherine is Feb. 25. The recipe for taffy pull will be in the cookbook.

The Frenchship Club has a new president, former vice-president Paula Yachelli. The former president, Zeb Kasmani, resigned, Mme. Therrien said.

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WINTER CARNIVAL '79

Business pair wins euchre tournament

Two second-year business students were winners of a marathon euchre tournament run by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) Wednesday that was part of Niagara's Winter Carnival.

Beverley Morin, second-year marketing management, and Mark Thususka, second-year industrial management, won the best-of-five final to take the title. Beverley and Mark went undefeated in nine games. They beat Keith Norman and Brian Kinsman, both third-year chemical engineering technology students in the final.

Thirty-two pairs entered the tournament sponsored by Frank Vetere's Pizzeria, which provided the prizes. First prize was $20, second prize a $5 large pizza, and third prize a small pizza.

Brian Wilkie and Greg Dubas won the best-of-three consolation final over Rick Aubin and Marvin Solowey. Brian and Greg had lost to the champions in the semi-finals.

Quarter-finals and semi-finals were best-of-three, while the first two rounds were sudden death eliminations.

Ron Cleavely [front], Brian Scott [left] and Ken Knapp

3 entries, 3 winners in beard bonanza

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

Someone once said, "There are winners and there are losers in this world." The man responsible for that observation had probably never entered a beard-growing contest at Niagara.

Judging for the college's winter carnival beard bonanza was held Wednesday at noon. There were three different categories. Three people showed up. Three people left victorious.

The college's beard barons for 1979 are: Brian Scott — best try category; Ron Cleavely — most unusual category; and Ken Knapp — best groomed category.

Judges for the gala event were Barb DaCosta, executive vice-president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC), and Gail Caperchione, SAC club convener. They said female intuition played an integral part in their judging process.

But they did have some specific criteria. For best groomed, Barb said they were looking for somone "who doesn't look as though he just woke up. And the length should be even all over."

Ken, a first year business student, was the run-away winner. "His beard looks as though it's been combed," Barb commented. She admitted that because Ken was the only person to enter the category, the decision was a little easier to make.

Ken revealed that he grows about three beards each year. "I shave them off every few months to give the face a rest." He added that he once had a beard for 10 years while in the navy.

Ron, who's in third year mechanical engineering, swept to victory in the most unusual category. "It was the colors," said co-judge Gail. Ron was sporting red tinges in his luxuriant brown growth. Gail admitted that because Ron was the only person to enter the category, the decision was a little easier to make.

Ron said that he started work on his beard in September, so that it would be ready for winter wear: "I grow it mainly for warmth."

In the best try contest, it was Brian by a country mile. Barb and Gail admitted that because Brian was the only person to enter the category, the decision was a little easier to make.

"I've been growing it since Friday night," Brian revealed.

It's at the SAC meeting next Tuesday that the whiskered winners will each be presented with a cheque for $15, tax-free.

Pie-eating contestants get carried away. (Photo by Righton)

$20, creamy face pie-eater's prize

Barrie Wood walked away with a faceful of chocolate cream pie and $20 after winning the pie-eating contest in the winter carnival Monday.

With a green garbage bag protecting his clothes and a makeshift hat made of masking tape to keep the hair out of his eyes, Barrie, a date processing management student, had no special technique for eating his pie but said: "If I ever see another chocolate cream pie again, I'll die."

Rosanne Garisto, vice-president of internal affairs for the Student Administrative Council (SAC), went into the lunch time crowd to get 10 contestants to the stage.

FOUR DISQUALIFIED

Four contestants were disqualified after treating each other to pies in the face. Mark Patterson, Dave Rassmusen, Ron Holla and Rusty Silvestri were a bit overzealous getting their pies down, spraying the six other contestants and each other with flying pies. Use of their arms was prohibited while eating the pies.

Gail Caperchione, club convenor of SAC, seemed unruffled by the incident saying, "it was worse last year," gesturing halfway across the cafeteria.

Rosanne wasted no time removing the offenders from the stage and Brian Patterson, vice-president of internal affairs was quick to bring in a mop.

Brian Kinsman, third-year chemical engineering student, notched second prize of $10 with his slow and steady pie-eating method, ignoring the antics of his cohorts. By the time the time limit was up, he had eaten all the cream and was on to the bottom crust.

Connie Bartone, third-year personnel industrial relations student, won third prize of $5. She was also the cleanest contestant.

Lucky Seven pulls way to victory

Sessions of moaning, groaning and heaving paid off for the Lucky Seven as they emerged the victors at Monday's tug of war.

The contest, part of Niagara's winter carnival, was held on the road between the MacKenzie and Black Walnut Buildings.

Members of the winning team were Daniel Stricko, Ron Lostracco, Carlo Ventresca, Phil Bergen, Terry Serieska, Charlie Tezak and William Brytwak.

Three other teams which braved biting cold temperatures to compete were Business, the Ten Speeds and the Good Guys.

In round one, Lucky Seven won against Good Guys. The second time, Ten Speeds were victorious over Business. Lucky Seven were opposite the Ten Speeds in the final round.

Jack Daniels top team in volleyball

A serve that no one could return spurred the Jack Daniels team to a perfect record and first place in this year's Student Administrative Council (SAC) winter carnival co-ed volleyball tournament.

Bruno Couloigner's serve proved to be too much for the Combination Platters team which reached the finals due mainly to the lacklustre performance of the other teams involved.

The tournament was a round-robin affair with six teams involved.

The winning team included Couloigner and Nancy Petro, Solange Carreau, Tim Chambers, Brian John, Marcel Larouche and Debbie D'anglais. The Jack Daniels team received $35 for their effort.

Members of the losing team were Doug Smith, Tom Powell, Louise Lindley, Ruth Seburn, Randy Kerr and Kathy Simpson.

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SPORTS

Kicinski explodes in second half as Knights down Humber 67-60

Ted Kicinski ran wild in the second half, scoring 21 of his game high 29 points in the final 20 minutes to lead the streaking Niagara Knights to a 67-60 victory over the Humber Hawks in Toronto Jan. 31.

Kicinski, held in check in the first half, exploded after the intermission as the Knights overcame a halftime deficit for the third consecutive time on the road, to post their fourth victory in the last five games.

Humber built a 32-26 half-time lead behind Steve Arslauskas, who led the Hawks with 22 points. Bruno Couloigner had 11 of Niagara's points in the first half.

However, the Knights rocked Humber with a 41-point second half to beat the Hawks for the second time this season. They had triumphed 67-64 last Nov. 30 at home on Kicinski's three-point play with five seconds left.

Couloigner pumped in 19 points for Niagara, while Tim Chambers added six. Rich Marr also scored his first basket as a Knight in the game.

Arslauskas led Humber with 22 points, while Richard Duliunas and Clyde Walters added 11 and Paul Simonaitis chipped in with 10.

The victory upped Niagara's record to 7-11, strengthening their hold on eighth place in the OCAA West Division.

Mixed rink third, faculty fourth, at community college bonspiel

Niagara's mixed curling team placed third in the Hap Homann's Bonspiel in Brantford Feb. 4 in a low-scoring tournament against five other community college teams.

Skip Rick Detenbeck, vice Nicole Francoeur, Don Kretz, second, and Arlene Jacques, lead, won two of three games in the mixed competition.

Niagara's faculty team placed fourth, with the men's team placing last.

The men's team, which placed first in the Robbie Burn's Invitational Bonspiel Jan. 25, "is the best men's team we've had in years," coach Robert Young said, but has to "iron out a few bugs." The team has been experimenting with different positioning.

Sir Sandford Fleming, George Brown, Sherian and St. Clair colleges competed in the bonspiel with Mohawk College as host.

All teams had low-scoring games using the point system, Mr. Young said.

Members of the men's team are Jeff Gibson, skip; Tom Grimes, vice; Keith Knave, second, and Jim Muileboom, lead.

The faculty team comprises Wayne McCready, skip; Robert Young, vice; Rick Brown, second and Keith Lindberg, lead.

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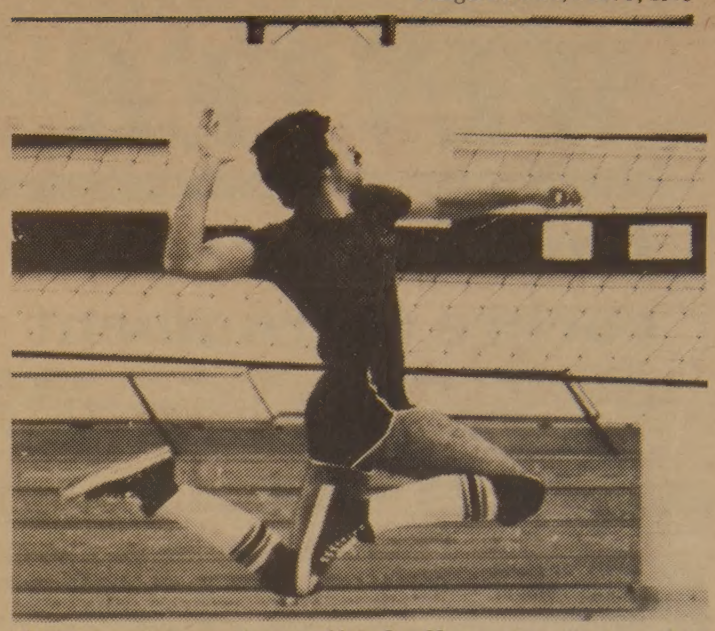


Niagara's varsity volleyball team at practice

(Photos by Tim Byng)

Not enough interest hurts volleyball team

By JOANNE deLEEUW
Staff Writer

It didn't exactly look like the makings of a winning team... really, who ever heard of a men's volleyball team sporting only four players! Perhaps it was just a bad night, as the coach said with disgust.

The truth is Niagara's only volleyball team has had a difficult time getting off the ground this year, primarily because of lack of manpower.

Team coach Keith Huntingdon, who has been coaching volleyball at the elementary and secondary school level for four yeas before coming to Niagara College this season, says the decline in participation is one of the biggest problems holding the team back.

Instead of the six starters now on the team, he would like to see nine regular players, in addition to the subs necessary for a strong team. Only five of the approximately 20 members involved last season returned.

TEAM ROSTER

The team consists of Rich Beltrame, Graham Gleason, Wayne Labrosse, Glen Loor, Keith Neve, Sandy Simonits, Rick Gray and Stan Muntz.

According to Keith Neve, unoffical team captain, one reason behind this apparent lack of interest in volleyball and in inter-collegiate sports in general, is the college system itself, which does not lend itself to the establishment of a solid club.

He said the maximum length of any program is only three years, and with people constantly leaving the team it is difficult to build a stable, well-established organization.

While the team is always looking for new talent, Mr. Huntingdon says "some volleyball background is necessary." Because the season is so short — from mid-November to the end of February — there just "simply is no time to start at the basics." But players should not be discouraged from coming out, since "many have potential," he says.

Even though Niagara has had a volleyball team since the college's inception, this area seems to be unresponsive to the sport, according to the coach.

NOT 'IN' SPORT

Looked upon as a "part-time sport" because of its short season, volleyball "is not the 'in' sport." It is the underdog in competition with basketball, football and hockey, he says.

It takes time to establish a sport of this nature and only a good, solid establishment of the game will make people want to play on a winning team..."which it is."

The general attitude, too, has been that volleyball is a female's sport despite the fact that Niagara doesn't even have a women's team, Mr. Huntingdon says.

"Volleyball has changed drastically in the last 10 years," and even though there is no physical contact, "it requires speed, agility, stamina...everything that any other sport requires." A good game, she said, "will keep you on the edge of your seat."

The team has put in a "good showing" so far this season according to the coach but has suffered because of a lack of practice.

The three hours per week that the team tries to get in is often hampered by other demands on the players' time, although the team captain says the players are fairly consistent in their attendance at the practices held Tuesday and Thursday nights in the gym.

SPORTS

Paced by Kerr's five scores, Knights crush Gannon 20-2

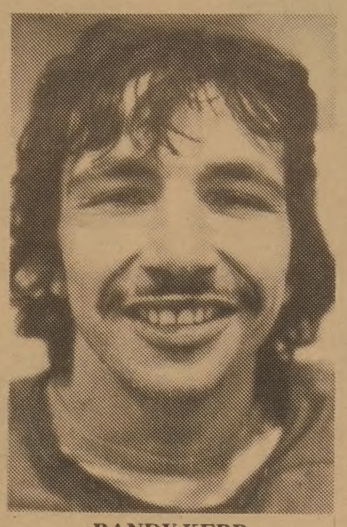
By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writer

Randy Kerr scored five goals and set up three others as the Niagara Knights put on their most devastating performance of the season, scoring almost at will, in winning a 20-2 slaughter over the Gannon Golden Knights in a game in Welland Feb. 3.

The easy victory pushed Niagara's record in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League to 12-1-1, three points ahead of Erie and Canisius, who played to a 7-7 draw the previous night in Buffalo.

Gannon, battling for the fourth and final playoff spot with Niagara University, was never really in the game from the start. They had played respectable games against the Knights twice earlier in the season, losing 6-2 and 11-7 in Erie, Pa. The two teams could meet again in the playoffs.

It was a statistician's nightmare at the Welland Arena as all but one Niagara player picked up a point. In addition to Kerr's efforts, other productive scorers included Brett Belaire, three goals and two assists; Andy Cieri, two goals and two assists; Mark Patterson, two goals and three assists; Steve Bustard, two goals and two assists; Paul Berstling, one goal and four assists; Gerry Sebastiany, one goal and three assists; Mike Chartrand, one goal and three assists, and Bob Young, five assists.



RANDY KERR

GANNON GOAL

Don Frenette also scored twice for the Knights and Larry Carter added a single. Bill Southard and Bob Bosilovic replied for the Gannon team.

Niagara took about six minutes to hit the scoresheet, but after that the floodgates were opened wide. Sebastiany started the scoring at 6:18, firing a high shot past Gannon goaltender Chris Winter.

Carter scored on a breakaway about three minutes later and Cieri scored soon after on a long shot from the blueline.

The Knights got two quick goals, within 19 seconds, later in the period Patterson scored on power play off a scramble in front of the net and Kerr tallied on a high shot that beat Winter on the glove side. Berstling and Bustard rounded out the period's scoring for Niagara. The score was 7-1.

Niagara let down somewhat in the second period, scoring only five times to make the score 12-1.

The Knights picked up the pace in the final frame, scoring eight times. Southard scored the final Gannon goal at 8:15 after the score had reached 14-1.

Niagara outshot Gannon 56-33 in the game. They received four of the seven minor penalties handed out during the night.

Need two more wins

Niagara inches closer to title with 12-2 win over Buff State

Niagara Knights took a giant step towards a league championship as they blasted the Buffalo State Bengals 12-2 in Buffalo Feb. 4.

With the victory, the Knights ensured they will decide their fate in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League. If Niagara wins the next two home games against St. John Fisher and Niagara University, they will clinch the title with one game to play. The situation was created by a 7-7 tie between Erie and Canisius two days earlier, which allowed the Knights to grab a three point lead in the loop.

Andy Cieri led the Niagara attack with four goals, while Randy Kerr continued his recent hot streak by tallying three times and setting up another. Kerr has picked up 15 points in the last three games.

THREE ASSISTS

Bob Young, Gerry Sebastiany and Mark Patterson picked up three assists for the Knights.

Other Niagara marksmen included Brett Belaire, Mike Chartrand, Keith Bull, Steve Bustard and Paul Berstling. Brian Sheppard and Dan Szeliga replied for the Bengals.

The two teams were tied after nine minutes of play when Szeliga and Kerr traded goals. However, Bull gave Niagara the lead for good at 9:50 with his eighth goal of the season. Berstling and Belaire also scored before the period ended to give the Knights a 4-1 lead.

Outshooting the Bengals 29-13, Niagara put the game away with five goals in the second period. Cieri scored two of hi8 markers during the frame, Kerr got his second and Chartrand and Bustard added the others.

The slaughter continued in the third period as Niagara built the lead to 11-1 before Sheppard tallied for the Bengals.

Kerr picked up his 21st goal of the year early in the period, and Cieri finished off the Niagara scoring with his third and fourth tallies of the game.

Niagara outshot the Bengals 62-35 in the lopsided game. Only five penalties were handed out, with the Knights picking up all but one of them.

Basketball doubleheader cancelled because of strike

The support staff strike had its first effect on Niagara athletics as a men's and women's basketball doubleheader against St. Clair College in Windsor Feb. 3 had to be cancelled.

Peter Rylander, college athletic director, said it was the third cancellation for the Windsor college. "They are having their problems as they have to reschedule the three games within the next two weks, in addition to playing their regualr schedule."

He said both Niagara and Cambrian will only be able to make the long road trip on the weekend, while Sheridan would have a three-hour bus ride.

No date has been set for a future St. Clair-Niagara doubleheader.

Lowe second

Mark Lowe, second-year electronic technician student, placed second in the 1,000-metre race in 2.36 at the fourth annual Western Invitational track meet last Saturday.

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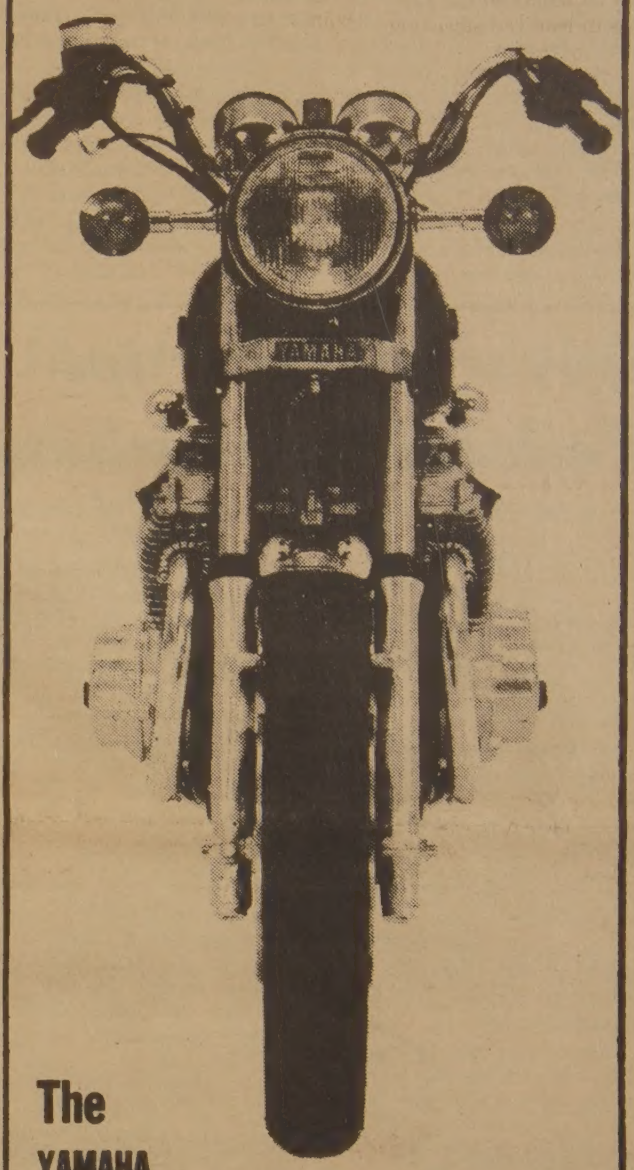

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OSAP: Improve service level

The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) will be adjusted to accommodate recently announced tuition fee increases of up to five per cent at universities and $10 per term at colleges, the ministry of colleges and universities said Jan. 24.

Students from low and middle income families will benefit from the improvements, which call for an increased provincial budget of $80.7 million, up $3 million from last year's budget of $77.7 million.

This money will finance Ontario Study Grants, Ontario Special Bursaries, interest payments on Ontario Student Loans and the grants issued under the temporary Loan Remission plan. The federal government will continue to pay interest on Canada Student Loans, which are administered by the ministry in conjunction with its own assistance plans.

Contributions from assets held by students and their parents or spouses will be scaled so that the level of assistance decreases as assets increase.

Under the Ontario Study Grant Plan, parental net income from which contributions are required, will be allowed a basic exemption of $7,100, up from $6,600 this year. This is a reduction of about $250 for families whose income has experienced moderate growth. Grants awarded to students may increase by similar amounts.

The minimum student contribution to his/her education costs will not be increased, because of students' difficulties in finding summer jobs this year. Contributions from summer earnings will be waived if students can prove they failed to find summer employment on their own or through the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission.

Because of the ministry's increasing emphasis on skill-oriented training, financial assistance will be available to students attending certain private vocational schools and hairstyling schools.

About $8 million of the budget will be set aside for loan remissions for students who would have been excluded by changes to the Ontario Study Grant Plan in 1978. Under the Loan Remission plan, which ends in 1979-80, a proportion of the principal of the loan is repaid as a type of retroactive grant.

"Changes to OSAP have been kept to a minimum this year," Dr. Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities, said.

"There are more improvements being considered for OSAP but I have asked that attention be focused mainly on improving our level of service to students during 1979-80."

The dental assistant students in Candace Paris' double biology class do a Charleston knee-touch during an exercise routine on their breaks. Mrs. Paris started the exercise breaks last term. (Photo by Boyd)

Girl terrified at picket line

Ugly scenes disrupt Welland Vale pickets

By TOM POWELL
as told to
PETER EPP
Staff Writer

Mass pickets and flaring tempers plagued Welland Vale Centre as support staff members mustered their greatest efforts on Monday nights.

Last Monday saw several broken car aerials, broken rear view mirrors and one report of a student punching a picketer in the face.

Tom Powell, a second-year journalism student, said he came to the satellite campus at about 6:55 p.m. and said traffic was backed up to Martindale Road and up the Welland Vale hill for about half an hour.

"We crossed the picket line. They were yelling at us, telling us we were scabs and that it wasn't going to do us any good crossing the picket line."

HEAVY OBSCENITIES

Tom said he heard one lady saying: "You're taking food from starving people's mouths." He said there was heavy use of obscenities from the picketers.

He said he saw at least eight policemen on the scene although other reports said there were as many as 15. He said there was "one incident where a picketer took a swing at someone's side mirror and was hauled off to the side by police and then released."

"Kay Steele (local 243 OPSEU president) on one occasion lay on top of a car's hood and screamed as if she had been hit," Tom said. "The car wasn't moving at all. After that, all the strikers went around the car and started pounding on the windows."

Tom said that on two separate occasions "side mirrors were literally punched off the car. They weren't knocked off, they were punched off."

PUNCHED STRIKER

One woman, who asked that her name not be printed, said her friend punched a striker in the face when she threatened to ram a picket against the side of the car. "She just rolled down the window and punched her in the face," she said.

She said her teacher got to the campus at 6:30 p.m. but "was terrified to go through the picket line." She said she waited for the police to come. "The only way anybody could get through was with the police," she said.

She said her class started at 7:30 p.m. one half-hour later than usual. Only six people in the class of 24 were present.

She quoted a friend as saying that she thought her windshield was going to crack when a striker jumped up and down on the hood of her car.

While the picketers may be gone, they left their mark on at least one student.

Joanne Bulanda, first year journalism student, had a run-in with the support staff pickets on the last day of the strike (Tuesday).

"It was terrifying," Joanne said, when one picketer "flung himself against the door (of her car) and bent the mirror." Another rolled off the front of the car while someone was trying to open her car door.

Joanne was coming to the college via Woodlawn Road, when two men came and "just stood in front of my car. They walked very slowly past with about two feet between them, not enough room for a car to go through," she said.

Joanne was stopped and when she tried to enter the college, she bumped one of the picketers and someone, ("I'm not sure which one") opened her car door.

"I kept going, I wasn't going to stop," she said.

One arrest during strike

The only arrest during the 14-day support staff strike took place last Monday night when about 40 picketers converged upon the Welland Vale Centre in a mass demonstration to disrupt evening classes.

A 44-year-old unemployed St. Catharines man was charged with creating a disturbance and assaulting police.

Police said they had trouble arresting Dale O'Dell of 62 Division St., who, they said, was hurling obscenities at passing motorists and police.

Innovative class break 'Shall we dance?'

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

Lively music, reminiscent of the early 1920s, piped from a doorway in Hennepin Hall. Inside people were dancing to the music with a Charleston-rhythm step. The dancers did not have the timing of the Rockettes but judging from the laughter they were having a good time.

No, it was not a dancing class in progress but dental assistant students exercising their way through coffee break.

Every Monday and Friday dental auxiliary students go through an exercise routine on their break between double classes of biology with Candace Paris, program co-ordinator of health prep option. Mrs. Paris introduced the exercise break last term to second-year dental hygiene students.

Mrs. Paris uses an exercise program developed by the ministry of health and welfare. The exercise programs are originally about seven to eight minutes in length although Mrs. Paris cuts them down to about three to four minutes to allow her students some free time on their breaks.

FREE TO TEACHERS

The exercise program is offered free to educators and employers through the ministry of health and welfare. The exercise break package contains a tape cassette with music for the exercise routines and an instruction booklet, Mrs. Paris said.

Coffee breaks are generally regarded as precious minutes devoted to relaxation, often enhanced with a cigarette, a coffee or a snack. In the early 1930s, it was discovered that an active break is better than a passive, sedentary break.

It wasn't until the 1960s that it was found the development of fatigue after active breaks is less than after passive breaks.

In 1974 an exercise program was incorporated into the agenda during the National Conference on Employee Fitness in Ottawa.

The purposes of the exercise program, as outlined in the booklet, are: to maintain or improve flexibility, relax muscles that may have become tightened and stimulate circulation.

The music, by Morning Music Ltd., is original rather than commercial to avoid using "dated" material. The names of the tunes, the composers, the length of each tune and the number of beats per minute are given in the instruction booklet.

Protests blockade

They tried to stop students with a sales pitch. They tried to stop them by obstructing their passage. They even tried stopping students by literally holding up the car.

Support staff picketers tried Tuesday morning to stop a first year business student from crossing the picket line by holding his car up.

A tall, bearded picketer "stood in front of my car and told me to go back," Dean Feucht, first year business administration student, said.

When Dean didn't, one of the picketers lifted the front bumper of the car and held it there, effectively blocking Dean's passage.

"I was tempted to do something, but I didn't because I was by myself," Dean said. "I was very mad."

While the man held his bumper, the rest of the picketers surrounded his car and he had "some verbal comments from all of them. Mostly vulgarities.

"Sure, they've got a right to strike, but I've paid my money for my education so I'm going to get it."

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Garry Kehoe and Michel Lafleur, ambulance and emergency care students, demonstrate the technique of two-man cardiac-pulmonary resuscitation on a resusi-annie, a model patient equipped with compression and breath monitors.
(Photo by Boyd)

Ambulance and emergency care students make cardiac-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) look simple, but this method of life support is complex.

Ambulance students practise in class on resusi-annies and resusi-babies, batter-powered dolls equipped with tape monitors. The tape measures the correct pressure and number of compressions and breaths. Marjorie Russell teaches the course.

CPR is administered in cases of stopped breathing or obstructed airways. It can be done in one-man and two-man teams.

Ambulance student Michel Lafleur, a certified teacher of CPR, said various steps must be done before resuscitation is given to a patient that has stopped breathing. The patient is checked for unresponsiveness, shaken and the airway is opened by tilting the head back and supporting the neck. Four consecutive breaths are given by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the patient, then the pulse is checked.

USE PALM

Compressions with the base of the palm are applied to the xybhoid process, the bone at the end of the sternum on the chest, and are alternated with the mouth-to-mouth resuscitations, Mr. Lafleur said. Fifteen compressions are done in 10 seconds followed by two breaths by mouth-to-mouth in five seconds. This pattern is to be kept up until the person is too tired to continue.

The level of compression and the correct placement of the palms is recorded by yellow and red lights on the resusi-annie's monitor. There is the danger of fracture or breaking of ribs if the pressure is applied in the wrong place. A green light records the breaths.

KNOW PASSWORD

In the case of two-man CPR treatment, the second man must say, as a password to the first man, "I know CPR, can I help?" The sequence of compressions and breaths is one breath to five compressions. The pace is slower for the two-man CPR.

Ambulance students also practise CPR on resusi-babies, who require a different sequence and amount of pressure. The baby is held in the arms and the head is not tilted. One breath is given for every five or six compressions. Compressions are applied with two fingers and a lighter pressure, Mr. Lafleur said.

CPR methods for patients with obstructed airways are different. If the patient is conscious he is asked if he can breathe before applying CPR. The patient's head is then tilted back, he is given four blows on the back and then four compressions and then the same CPR method for a non-breathing patient is used. Compressions are also applied to the abdomen.

Students are allowed a 10 per cent mistake level on exams in CPR. Instructors must have 100 per cent and they are required to teach three classes of CPR a year, Mr. Lafleur said. CPR licences must be renewed every year.

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Hort seminar yields green thumb delight

By PETER EPP
Staff Writer

Green thumbers will get a chance to hear about all their gardening delights next month when the Horticulture Centre, St. Catharines, presents Horticulture Update '79, a series of seminars on everything from bonsai and insects to rhodonendrone and their relatives.

The seminars, held in conjunction with the annual Open House, will be held Saturday, Mar. 10 at Laura Secord Secondary School on Niagara Street across from the Horticulture Centre.

Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator for the horticulture centre, said the purpose of the seminar is to make available to the "gardening public" the many ideas and methaods of horticulture.

Among the lecturers will be Dr. Peter Rice of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton;Dr. J.L. Eggens of the University of Guelph, and Bob Fleming, a research scientist at the Horticultural Research Institute in Vineland.

BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Lecturers have also written 1,000 to 1,400-word articles on their special fields to be published in a 25-page booklet available at the seminars.

For $5, Mr. Mansfield said the gardening enthusiast can attend at least four hour-long seminars on such subjects as Succulent Plants for the Home and The Art of Bonsai.

The seminars start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

At the same time the horticulture students will be presenting the annual Open House at the centre.

Held both Saturday and Sunday, the horticulture centre will be the host to "the gardening public of the peninsula at which time the greenhouses will be open," Mr. Mansfield said.

He said there will be an orchid display, floral design and a room fully landscaped and open for display.

Last year, 3,500 people attended the Open House, Mr. Mansfield said.

He said Horticulture Update '79 was conceived last summer. "The staff and students have been laying groundwork since mid-summer."

The Update was brought about to mark the 10th anniversary of the Open Houses, Mr. Mansfield said. "It's also commemorating one decade as a horticultural teaching centre.

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Clearance must be obtained from A. S.Aboud, director of student services, before posters or signs can be put up on bulletin boards in the Simcoe building, I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said.

Conditions have "improved greatly" with the installation of the bigger bulletin boards Mr. Giancarlo said and he is encouraging people to use them to full capacity.

Mr. Giancarlo said in the past students were using doors, windows and pillars and notices were left up long after the event took place.

David Richardson 'inspiration to all'

The flag in front of Hennepin Hall flew at halfmast as a tribute to David John Richardson, 19, 7 Coach Rd., St. Catharines, Niagara College student, who died Feb. 2 at the University Hospital in London, Ont.

Born in St. Catharines, he was a graduate of Governor Simcoe Secondary School, member of the Handicapped Association of the Niagara District and a member of Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church.

A student in the school of business, David was "an inspiration to us all," Duane Orr, counsellor in student services, said. "He was a bright boy with a good sense of humor, despite his illness."

Ivar Noren, division of applied management chairman and teacher of introductory accounting, said David did well, never losing patience.

David is survived by his parents, Cyril and Trudy Richardson; three brothers, Chris in Saskatoon and Simon and Andy at home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6 at the Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church.

Winter wonderland it ain't

This isn't a picture of the barren lands in the farthest reaches of northern Canada, but a glimpse of the Welland River in times more suitable for indoor than outdoor frolicking. (Photo by Boyd)

Gonyou says:

NC students 'guinea pigs'

A stationary engineering instructor at Welland Vale charges Niagara College students are "guinea pigs" getting a "bum deal" because of curriculum revisions in their program.

Orval Gonyou, an instructor at Welland Vale, was commenting on an article in the Globe and Mail which said nearly all students taking stationary engineering at six community colleges failed. They were taught one thing and examined on another, the article said.

Of nine at Niagara College who tried the physics exam, two passed and seven failed.

Mr. Gonyou said physics, mathematics and thermodynamics were the troubled areas.

R.Douglas Campbell, chairman of continuing education, school of technology, said the examinations are set by the ministry of colleges and universities and the first time instructors and students see them is on the day they are written. This means instructors can't be sure how closely the examinations will follow the objectives of the course.

The new version of stationary engineering was put into effect in September, 1978, Mr. Campbell said. The course has been in existence for three years.

Mr. Gonyou said that during these first exams, it was discovered after an hour that the students were having difficulties. "The objectives the ministry sent us seemed okay. We hadn't expected the examinations to be so stiff."

"Our students weren't the ones complaining," Mr. Gonyou said. "It must have been the ones from Mohawk or somewhere else."

Statistics show that at Mohawk College in Hamilton, 21 of 22 students failed the examination on power plant boilers.

All 42 students at George Brown College failed examinations in drafting and air conditioning.

About 50 per cent failed at Sault College in examinations concerning air compression, refrigeration and instrumentation.

Mr. Gonyou said the seven who failed at Niagara were taught by high school teachers. "I bet you thought it was us. (Welland Vale instructors)."

He said those who failed have 60 days to rewrite the examination. There has been some progress from the time of the failure, as eight other exams have been written with no problems.

Myths on working women still around: Bidhirnjk

By PHYLLIS BARNATT
Staff Writer

Women and the problems they face in the labor force was the issue when Myroslavo Bidhirnjk, communications co-ordinator of the Women's Bureau of the ministry of labor, addressed about 60 students, faculty and community people in the Hamilton Room on Thursday.

Ms Bidhirnjk presented a film, No Time Like Now, to provide an overview of the Ontario job situation. It concentrated on women in jobs traditionally viewed as man's work, most involving white collar positions in the upper levels of management.

Hoping to give an historical, contemporary and legislative background to her audience, Ms Bidhirnjk cited the influx of women into the work force during the Second World War. The industrial boom and the lack of manpower "encouraged women to take over male positions in society and industry until the men came back," Ms Bidhirnjk said.

"There are all kinds of myths surrounding the issue of why women work. The frontrunner now is that government doesn't provide enough tax incentives to stay home, thus women work. Therefore, the theory goes that government should provide an incentive and keep women home.

"Women work for the same reasons men do. Forty per cent of all women in the work force are sole support, that is they're either single, divorced or widowed — and often with dependents," Ms Bidhirnjk said.

Job distribution also is one of the main reasons women don't take higher profile positions in the work force, she said.

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"Women tend to be clustered into narrow ranges of job possibilities. In 1975 two-thirds of women were in clerical, service, or sales jobs. Women should be earning 80 per cent of what men do. What they are earning is 55.1 per cent."

Citing socialization as a major factor in the continuous lack of women in high echelons, Ms Birhirnjk said, "Young girls underestimate their ability. They're looking at the world through rose-colored glasses."

Ms Bidhirnjk urged the audience to "keep in touch either on a part-time basis or through volunteer work. You can't depend on others to be the provider."

$60 stolen from Welland Vale

Sixty dollars were stolen from the student committee office at the Welland Vale Centre last Tuesday.

Stan DeWitt, president of the student committee, said the money was kept in a locked file drawer in the counselling office. He said the money must have been stolen between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

There was one person in the office, he said, a secretary, but "she doesn't have eyes in the back of her head."

The money was used for making change for the students.

Grads speak about jobs

Five graduates representing electrical and electronic fields spoke to students about job opportunities and the transition from school to employment at Industry Night last Thursday.

Industry Night is a new concept developed by the Niagara Branch of the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) as a response to the student wishes.

The speakers were John Bavari, Wayne Butchkowski, George Cvirik, Robin Farr and Mark Millar. Each gave a speech and time was set aside for a question period.

About 53 students attended the event, including students from Mohawk College's IEEE.

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